GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
LABOUR
LOK SABHA

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UTILISATION OF FUNDS
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Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether out of the total allocation made for the financial year 2000-01, the Ministry could utilise only Rs.62.79 crore towards rehabilitation of bonded labour, employment, welfare of SCs/STs and OBCs;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the steps taken by the Government for proper utilisation of the funds?

Answer

MINISTER OF LABOUR (SHRI SAHIB SINGH VERMA)

(a) to (c): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 278 FOR 10.3.2003 BY SHRI RA MANJHI REGARDING `UTILISATION OF FUNDS`

(a) : Out of the total outlay of Rs. 123 crore for the Ministry of Labour during 2000 - 01, the allocation and utilisation of funds earmarked for Plan Schemes on Rehabilitation of Bonded Labour, Employment & Training and Welfare of SCs / STs & OBCs are given below :

(Rs. in crore)

Schemes	Budget Allocation	Utilisation
1. Rehabilitation of Bonded Labour	5.75	9.21
2. Employment & Training	49.97	31.62
(a) Employment	13.03	9.66
(b) Training	35.32	21.50
(c) Welfare of SCs / STs & OBCs through Coaching, Vocational Guidance & Training	1.62	0.46
TOTAL: (1 to 2)	55.72	40.83

(b) : The utilisation of funds for Rehabilitation of Bonded Labour was substantially higher than the allocated amount.There was, however, a shortfall in utilisation under Employment & Training and Welfare of SCs / STs & OBCs. The main reasons for low utilisation were non-creation/non-filling up of posts, non-approval of schemes by competent authority, less number of instructors sponsored by State Governments, non receipt of equipment in time etc.

(c) : There is a three-tier monitoring mechanism under operation in the Ministry to review the pace of expenditure. Under this mechanism, Secretary reviews the pace of expenditure in periodic meetings with the Divisional Heads with a view toidentify the main hurdles and to take steps to overcome them. Secretary is also separately monitoring some of the important schemes like National Child Labour Project (NCLP), Employment & Training and Rehabilitation of Bonded LabourThis is followed by meetings taken by the Additional Secretary to examine the actual implementation of the decisions taken at the level of Secretary. Finally, the Divisional Heads meet the Financial Adviser at their level and discuss individual cases. Recently, Planning Commission has also started

reviewing the implementation of schemes through Quarterly Progress Reports.